

# **Burke-Gilman Trail Redevelopment Study Citizens Advisory Group Charter**

## **Background**

The Burke-Gilman Trail Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) has been convened by King County to ensure the Trail Redevelopment Study reflects the input and values of our multi-faceted community. The community advisory group is part of a collaborative effort between King County and Lake Forest Park to ensure representative community input is considered in the redevelopment of the trail.

## **Mission**

The Mission of the CAG is to provide King County with thoughtful and informed recommendations on issues related to the proposed redevelopment of the Burke-Gilman Trail through Lake Forest Park. It is understood that the CAG's viewpoint and subsequent recommendations are intended to be a reflection of the public's various positions. . CAG input will include:

- Design
- Safety
- Liability
- Maintenance
- Enforcement
- Environmental concerns

## **Committee Composition**

The CAG workgroup represents a balance of community interests. Each member of the CAG must commit to attend public meetings and CAG meetings and actively participate in the development of CAG recommendations to King County.

The CAG will be comprised of

Nine to eleven members - residents of Lake Forest Park and the regional community

- Two Lake Forest Park trailside homeowners
- Two cyclists (at least one commuter, one recreational cyclist)
- Two other trail constituents
- A business sector representatives from Lake Forest Park
- One LFP Parks and Recreation Commissioner
- Community members at large

## **Guiding Principles For the Citizen Advisory Group**

In performing their duties, CAG members shall agree to conduct proceedings in a productive, non-confrontational manner. In addition, each CAG participant shall pledge to:

- Provide recommendations for the Redevelopment of a Burke-Gilman Trail Redevelopment Study for the portion of the trail through Lake Forest Park
- Recognize the legitimacy of each other's goals and respect other members' opinions
- Search for and create opportunities for consensus

- Seek a constructive format for resolving differences
- Regard all problems brought forward with equal importance
- Commit to listen carefully and ask questions in order to understand the various issues which may arise and, if needed, to speak up and clarify such issues
- Articulate interests, problems and opportunities – not positions
- Work to reach consensus on a recommended plan of action
- Be mindful of the impacts their public and private statements will have on the project
- Not speak for the CAG unless so directed by the membership
- Agree to keep their respective constituencies informed of CAG progress and activities
- Understand the magnitude of issues and not dominate with single viewpoint
- Represent the CAG at public outreach meetings

### **Coordination of CAG**

The King County Parks and Recreation Division shall serve as the coordinator for the CAG. The county's duties shall include, but are not be limited to the following:

1. Provide staff support, facilitation and coordination for CAG
2. Maintain a record of CAG discussions
3. Present technical and policy information to the CAG
4. Coordinate technical information
5. Work with Lake Forest Park to disseminate information to interested parties

### **CAG Products**

At key points of the review process, the CAG will submit memos or reports to King County summarizing the committee's thinking on key issues. It is understood the CAG may not achieve consensus on all items. In these instances, King County decision makers would appreciate a description of the reasons for differing viewpoints, so that they may be informed in making their decisions.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The first meeting of the community advisory group will be November 16 at Lake Forest Park City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

### **Open Meetings**

All meetings of the CAG shall be open to the public.

**Burke-Gilman Trail Redevelopment Study  
Citizen Advisory Group Application Form**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own property adjacent to the Burke-Gilman Trail? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your interest in serving on the Citizen Advisory Group?

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How do you interact with the Trail? (Walking, cycling, live adjacent to, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you participated in any public meetings on the redevelopment of the Burke-Gilman Trail as it goes through Lake Forest Park? \_\_\_\_\_

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What sources do you use to inform yourself about the Burke-Gilman Trail?

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What special skills or expertise would you bring to the Citizen Advisory Group?

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